

Our Town

May/June 2013

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



STREET FESTIVAL Wake Forest's annual event returns for its thirty-third year .

Meet in the Street—May 4

The 33rd Annual Meet in the Street® festival is set for Saturday, May 4, at 10 a.m. in historic downtown Wake Forest. Make plans now for a day filled with delicious food and wonderful entertainment, including live music and children's activities.

Due to its immense popularity, the festival is expanding to include not just one—but three streets in the heart of downtown Wake Forest. The festi-

val will take place along Taylor and Brooks Streets from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and along South White Street from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The 2013 Meet in the Street will feature more vendors than ever before, so as you stroll through downtown Wake Forest you'll have the chance to visit over 100 artisan's booths featuring handcrafted arts and crafts. Several downtown merchants will also have booths set up

along South White Street, and this year there will be a beer garden in the vicinity of South White Street and Owen Avenue.

The Children's Village will offer a variety of art activities that promise to be fun, imaginative and entertaining. Children can also enjoy an inflatable obstacle course and a Wake Forest fire truck.

Meet in the Street is presented by the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce. Admission is free. For more details, visit wakeforestnc.gov/meet-in-the-street.aspx. Download the Town of Wake Forest app to access event information on your smartphone.



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Community for 33 years*

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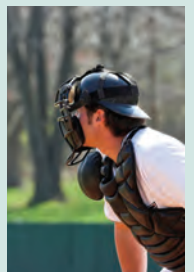
Holding Park Pool opens May 25 »

The Parks & Recreation Department will open Holding Park at 133 W. Owen Ave. Memorial Day weekend. Weekend hours are 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Beginning June 15, the pool will also be open on weekdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Seasonal pool passes are available at town hall. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$65 for non-residents. Discounts are available for each additional person in the same household. Swim lessons and parent/toddler swim time passes are also available. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation.aspx or call 919-435-9560 for information.



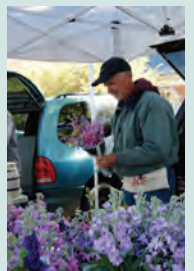
Register for fall baseball and softball in June »

Registration for Youth Fall Baseball & Softball and Adult Softball (co-rec and men's recreational) will be held June 3-28. Applications are available at wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation.aspx and at town hall. Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 919-435-9560 for more information.



Wake Forest Farmers Market is open on Wednesdays »

Meet the people in the community who grow and sell fresh items. The Wake Forest Farmers Market is open for the regular season at 150 N. White St. every Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. From May through September, the market is also open on Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.



AT YOUR SERVICE

Wake Forest transitions to CodeRED notification system

The town has a new emergency and mass notification provider. Wake Forest will now be able to more effectively communicate urgent messages using the CodeRED system.

Wake Forest residents are encouraged to submit updates to their existing contact information. Make updates and enroll new cell phone numbers at wakeforestnc.gov/codered.aspx or by calling 919-435-9400.

Safer travels for pedestrians

To support various modes of travel, the town has a variety of transportation projects in the works. Two upcoming projects are aimed at improving pedestrian travel. Both are scheduled to be complete by December 2013.

Crenshaw Multi-use Path—Plans are underway for a ten-foot multi-use path on the south side of Durham Road. The paved path will provide a safe facility for pedestrians and bicyclists to use along this busy road. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/crenshaw-multiuse-path.aspx for details.

Forestville Road Sidewalk—A five-foot wide sidewalk will be installed this year near Heritage High School along the east side of Forestville Road, extending from Heritage Station Shopping Center to Foundation Drive. The existing traffic signal at the high school will be upgraded to include a pedestrian phase with push-button assembly. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/forestville-road-sidewalk.aspx.

To view the full list of upcoming transportation projects, visit wakeforestnc.gov/transportation-projects.aspx.



HISTORY COMES TO LIFE

2013 Annual Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Tour—May 11

With graves dating back to 1837, the Wake Forest Cemetery is a fascinating place to explore and learn about residents from generations past.

The 2013 Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour will be held Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During the self-guided tour, docents will be on hand to share stories and photographs of loved ones and ancestors buried in the cemetery.

Once again this year, representatives of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be clad in Confederate uniforms and other regalia including Civil War fire-arms. A Scottish bagpiper and drummer will play throughout the event.

The Alston-Massenburg Cemetery located on North Taylor Street will also be on the tour. Among the many distinguished African-Americans buried there is the famous “Dr. Tom” Jeffries. He built the

rock wall that surrounds the seminary campus.

The cemetery is located at 400 N. White St. Limited parking is available. Overflow parking is available in the lot next to CVS Pharmacy. In the event of rain, the tour will be held Saturday, May 18.

Sponsored by the Wake Forest Cemetery Advisory Board and the Town of Wake Forest, the annual tour is free. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/cemeterytour.aspx.

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a celebration of MUSIC

Six Sundays in Spring

Saturdays, April 28-June 2
3-7 p.m. (main act at 5 p.m.)
E. Carroll Joyner Park,
701 Harris Rd.

Top off your spring weekends with a free concert at the park. This year's lineup, once again, promises great vocals, thumping rhythms, smooth harmonies and magnetic performances. Sponsored by Wake Forest ARTS, info@WakeForestARTS.org. wakeforestnc.gov/six-sundays-in-spring.aspx.



April 28: Children of the Horn—An instrumental ensemble that has created a unique sound by combining influences from jazz, rhythm and blues, and world music.



May 5: Transit Vocal Band—Combining soaring leads, smooth harmonies, and a thumping rhythm section, Transit demonstrates the power and emotion of the most natural instrument of all, the human voice.



May 12: MikeMickXer—Rockabilly, reggae, soul, and funk.

Public Art Commission to unveil new sculptural seats

The first two pieces of town-funded public art will be officially unveiled Friday, June 14 at 6 p.m. in downtown Wake Forest. Designed by nationally renowned artist Robert Tully, the two sculptural seating pieces are scheduled to be installed in May.

One piece will serve as a bench and pedestrian gateway to the south end of downtown near the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce. It will include an occasional water feature that is designed to allow rainwater to collect and trickle down a faceted sculptural rain chain.

The second sculpture is a leaf shade bench at Jones Avenue designed to provide shade and color. This piece honors the importance of trees in Wake Forest.

For both sculptures, the artist chose materials inspired by the downtown buildings and seminary campus.

The unveiling will coincide with Art After Hours, downtown's monthly arts celebration which features live music and art openings.

JURIED ART SHOW

As part of the celebration, the Public Art Commission (PAC) will host a juried art show entitled "Foundations – Renaissance Exhibition." The exhibit will be held in town hall's ground floor meeting room from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The PAC is accepting amateur and professional artists' applications from now through Friday, May 17. For details, visit wakeforestnc.gov/call-to-artists.aspx or contact Agnes Wanman at 919-435-9516 or awanman@wakeforestnc.gov.

Each award winners' work of art will remain on display at town hall through Friday, July 12.

2013 Bicycle Safety Fair

May is Bike Safety Month and the Town of Wake Forest is helping raise awareness by sponsoring a free Bicycle Safety Fair on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., in the Brooks Street parking lot of town hall. This year's safety fair is again being offered as part of the 33rd Annual Meet in the Street.

During the event, participants will be taught safe riding techniques through an obstacle course that recreates real-life situations. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/bikesafetyfair.aspx for details.



A young resident maneuvers around cones during the 2012 Bicycle Safety Fair

Glad You Asked

TOWN OF WAKE FOREST Q & A

Q: Why did Wake Forest ban skateboarding in downtown?

A: In March the board of commissioners voted to approve an ordinance prohibiting skateboarding on public streets and sidewalks in Wake Forest's downtown municipal district. That district, also known as the Renaissance Area, extends roughly from south of Holding Avenue to just north of Spring Street and between South White Street and South Franklin Street.

The new ordinance is designed to reduce the risk of damage to property, but even more importantly, protect the health and safety of both pedestrians and skateboarders.

Spurred by the completion of the South White Streetscape, downtown Wake Forest is attracting greater numbers of visitors than ever before. Yet many of the streetscape enhancements, including the wider sidewalks and newly installed seating walls and handicap ramps, that have earned the accolades of so many, have also caught the attention of area skateboarders anxious to hone their street skating skills in an area they view as a kind of urban skating wonderland.

The downtown area is attractive to boarders because it offers many urban features – such as ledges – that are fun to ride on. Unfortunately, riding along these brick or cement ledges can cause significant damage at a steep price. In one notable example, in February, skateboarders were left holding the bill for approximately \$9,000 worth of damage they caused to the seating wall in Centennial Plaza, in front of town hall.

But the damage to property is only part of it. More skateboarders and larger crowds in the downtown area has resulted in a combustible mix of close calls and near misses that left many pedestrians feeling unnerved and downtown merchants worried – not only about the well-being of their customers but the skateboarders too.

After witnessing nasty falls on sidewalks, steps and in the roadway, several store owners voiced concerns about the skateboarders' safety. Some even speculated about what might happen if a boarder lost control and crashed through a storefront window. The consequences could be tragic and ultimately, the board of commissioners determined the potential for serious injury was too great to ignore.

The ordinance, which is now in effect, also bans tricycles, scooters, in-line skates and anything that moves by "human power." There are exceptions, however, including bicycles, wheelchairs, wagons and rickshaws.

To view the new ordinance in its entirety, along with a map of the downtown municipal district, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/sec-28-6-%E2%80%93skateboards-roller-skates-and-similar-devices.aspx.

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www.wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx



May 19: Ben Payton and Boo Hanks—Top notch blues musicians will take the stage both individually and together to delight audiences with their guitar talent and overall magnetic stage presence.



May 26: Ghezzi—Vocals. Since the age of seven, Ghezzi has performed on stages all over the world, winning scholarships and awards for her electrifying work, including a Billboard top 100 award.



June 2: Big Medicine—A great old-time string band; they perform frequently with Garrison Keillor on NPR's *Prairie Home Companion*.

WFTV**Watch it live online**

Anyone with internet access can watch WFTV 10 at www.wakeforestnc.gov/channel10.aspx. Residents that subscribe to Time-Warner Cable TV service receive the channel.

May/June Schedule

Focus on Wake Forest
daily, top of the hour

Wake Forest: The Most Rewarding Things
daily, 7 am, 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm

This Place Matters
daily, 7:30 am, 12:30 pm, 8:30 pm

Wireless Research Center of NC (3-min)
daily, 8:30 am, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm

Board of Commissioners Meeting
live, 3rd Tuesdays, 7 pm;
rebroadcast daily 9 am, 3 pm, 9 pm

Board of Commissioners Work Session
live, 1st Tuesday, 5:30 pm

Planning Board Meeting
live, 1st Tuesday, 7:30 pm;
rebroadcast for 2 weeks
daily 9 am, 3 pm, 9 pm



Town seeks volunteers for new Adopt-A-Stream program



Residents can play a vital role in keeping Wake Forest's streams healthy. By adopting a stream, you can help identify problems and repair waterways in your town.

Help is needed with monitoring water quality, collecting litter, restoring stream buffers and labeling storm drains. When you sign up, you'll have the opportunity to select a specific task for a period of one year. Your group will be provided with all the equipment you need including nets, kits and safety vests. All residents are encouraged to participate.

The first training session for volunteers will be held Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Smith Creek Soccer Center, 690 Heritage Lake Rd.

For more information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/adopt-a-stream.aspx or contact Holly Miller at hmiller@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9443.



Popular events now featured on Wake Forest app

The town is utilizing its app to make it easier than ever for you to obtain important information about popular local events. iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad and Android users who have downloaded the town's app now enjoy instant access to information about Six Sundays in Spring, Meet in the Street, the Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour, and the Fourth of July Celebration—just to name a few.

To download the app, search for "Town of Wake Forest" on iTunes, in the iPhone app store or in the Android Market. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/app.aspx for more information.



Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

Town hall and all administrative offices will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day. No garbage or recycling will be collected on Memorial Day. The garbage collection schedule for the entire week will operate one day later than normal and will extend into Saturday.

YOUR GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Third Tuesday | 7 pm
Town Hall Board Room

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

First Tuesday | 5:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

First Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

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- Watch meetings live on WFTV 10.
- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: www.wakeforestnc.gov/Government/boardofcommissioners.aspx.
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on WFTV 10 at 9 am, 3 pm and 9 pm. daily for up to two weeks after the meeting.

STAYING INFORMED

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Wake Forest Power offers new Pay-As-You-Go option

Wake Forest Power has unveiled a new payment option that allows residential customers to pay for electricity in advance. Known as "Pay-As-You-Go" electricity, the program enables you to more closely monitor your energy usage.

By paying for electricity before you use it, you will

never pay a late fee and are never charged disconnect and reconnect fees if your account runs out of credit.

Instead of receiving an electric bill each month, electricity usage is calculated daily and the cost is deducted each day from your pre-paid account. As a result, you can observe in real time what hap-

pens when you adjust the thermostat a few degrees or turn off an extra light.

All Wake Forest Power customers with a 200 amp single phase, non-demand residential account are eligible to enroll in the Pay-As-You-Go program. Life Support and Medical Alert accounts are not eligible and payment arrangements

are not allowed on Pay-As-You-Go accounts.

For more information about Pay-As-You-Go, visit wakeforestnc.gov/pay-as-you-go.aspx or contact Customer Service Supervisor Andrew Brown at abrown@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9466.